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Meditation on Work.

Thou, O Lord, hast ordered for me a life of work, for it is said that the labour of the righteous tendeth to life (Prov. x. 16). It is impossible to understand life without work. A man or woman who lives in idleness does not really live at all. It is work which brings out and trains our powers. It is in our work that we can show our faithfulness unto Thee. It is through work that we can obtain peace of mind and earnestness of heart.

It is to those who are idle that life seems hopeless. I shall cast my burden upon the Lord and He will sustain me (Psalms lv. 22).

It is because I work that I find rest so pleasant, for sweet is the sleep of the labourer (Eccles. v. 12). On looking round me, I see people striving and toiling to earn their daily bread, and I sometimes ask myself what is the use of it all. But I know that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings as eagles (Isaiah xl. 31), and that though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I need fear no evil, for Thou art with me (Psalms xxiii. 4). My mind cannot hope to understand why life is so difficult and hard, but I commit my way unto the Lord (Psalms xxxvii. 5), and trust that through resisting trouble I may become strong, and through turning from temptation I may be led unto my God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

My Father,—I thank Thee for all the blessings which Thou hast granted to me. I am young, and it is a beautiful, a lovely thing to be young. O help me to use my youth in such a way as to prepare me for my life hereafter. O Lord, I cannot know what is in store for me, but Thou hast taught me to put my trust in Thee, and therefore I do not feel afraid. Lord, whether in the future I marry or whether I remain single, I shall be able to lead a useful, happy life. I thank Thee for having made this possible for me. Lord, Thy glorious light is within my reach, and if I remain true to Thee and true to myself, life loses its terrors, and when the end draws near, I hope to face it with

calm and trustfulness. Thou hast blessed my life with the beings whom I love, and to whom I know I am very dear. Oh, let me never cause them pain. Lord, Thou hast allowed me to inherit Thy glorious Law, and to obey its beautiful precepts. Thou hast given me wisdom to understand that what is most pleasing in Thy sight is a pure and trusting spirit. Thou art the God of righteousness, and Thou hast taught me that the end and object of my life must be to do right for right's sake.

Lord, I thank Thee for my womanhood! Let me never do anything to disgrace it. Help me to develop all its powers, so that I may become gentle, truthful, brave, loving, and honourable, and be able to influence all around me for good.

Lord, I thank Thee for having kept me alive to witness signs of Thy never-ending love.

1 Chron. xxix., 12, 13: In Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name.

Morning Prayer.

My God,—By Thy great mercy I have lived through another night, and rise this morning with new strength. Help me, O

Lord, to spend a righteous day. Grant that I may do my work well and thoroughly, and advance in virtue and godliness.

O Lord, an idle life is displeasing unto Thee: a life empty of good work is a life of sin in Thy sight. O God, give me strength and courage, so to use every hour, that none of my time may be spent in vain.

Grant that I may keep strict guard over my actions, words, and thoughts, so that I may not be impatient, bold or rude. Let me ever remember that Thou art my God, and that I am Thy handmaid. Let me spend a worthy day, so that I may not be ashamed. During the day I shall have dealings with men and women belonging to a different faith. Help me always to remember that all who do righteously are equally pleasing in Thy sight. But since I belong to a race upon whom Thou hast showered special favours, help me to show my gratitude unto Thee by trying to lead a specially good life. Give me strength that I may be equal to my great duties to Thee, O Lord, my heavenly Father!

Ecclesiastes xi. 6: In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Night Prayer.

Almighty God!—I thank Thee for having brought me safely to the end of another day, during which I have witnessed signs of Thy glorious power, and felt Thy tender Fatherly love. Help me to fight against terrifying thoughts. Let me lie down in perfect peace and rise up again to-morrow in good health.

Oh let me not be afraid!

On looking back on the day that is past, I remember many duties that I have performed carelessly, and many others that I have left altogether undone. My Father, I pray Thee to forgive me. Thou hast so ordained our lives that work and rest succeed one another—rest to give us strength to work, and work to sweeten rest. Lord, teach me to use my time well, so that the flying years may not fill me with bitter regrets.

As I lie down, I think of my loved family, sleeping near and round me. Bless them, guard them, and preserve them. Help me to do my duty to them all; uphold me in the battle of life, and when the time comes for me to go to Thee, let me deserve to be remembered with love by those I leave behind. Thou, my guardian, who neither slumberest nor

sleepest, be Thou near me in this night and I shall not fear.

Psalms iv. 8: I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, makest me dwell in safety.

Sunday's Prayer.

Almighty Father, — Open my mouth that my lips may declare Thy praise. O God, help me to understand the beauty and power of prayer, and let me not consider any day complete, unless I have spent therein a few minutes in speaking my heart to Thee.

I know, O Lord, that thou wilt not change Thy laws for my sake; also I am much too ignorant to understand what is for my good. Yet I am not afraid to make my petition unto Thee, for the end and object of all my prayers is to ask for faith and trust in Thee! O Lord, help me to do what is pleasing in Thy sight, and to will that which Thou willest! As a father delights in the gratitude of his children, mayest Thou not consider it unworthy to accept my prayer of thanksgiving. As a father allows his children to confide their thoughts to him, do Thou listen to the outflowings of my heart and grant me peace!

Psalms xix. 14 : Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Monday's Prayer.

Almighty Father,—Help me, through all my life, to do my duty, so that I may never be ashamed or despair. Let me never forget that on me, as a girl, depends, to a great extent, the happiness of my home. Help me to be cheerful, obliging, gentle, truthful, and loving with my parents. Let me never forget how much I owe to them, how much they have suffered and sacrificed for my sake ; let my love for them, and desire to help them as much as I possibly can, become stronger as I grow older. Increase my influence over my brothers ; grant that I may carry out my resolution to learn about subjects which interest them, so that they may not find their home dull, and seek sympathy elsewhere. May the thought of my purity and truthfulness help them to lead pure and true lives !

Make me, O God, a good sister to my sisters ! Show me how I can serve those who are older than I ; may I be able to guide and uphold the younger ones !

For all this, O Lord, do Thou give me strength and power. As I grow older help me to understand more and more thoroughly, that a woman's greatest glory is the brightness and purity of the home to which she belongs!

Psalms cxliv. 12: Our daughters shall be as corner-stones hewn after the fashion of a temple.

Tuesday's Prayer.

Almighty Father,—I thank Thee for Thy never-ceasing mercies; let me not be afraid. Increase my faith in Thee day by day.

O Lord, whether we are rich or poor, Thou hast given us our special tasks.

If we work thoroughly, earnestly and well, we are doing Thy work, whatever our calling in life may be. Let me never forget this, and grant that I may never feel ashamed of my work, for then I should prove myself faithless unto Thee.

Whether we are rich or poor, we have all alike to bear troubles, sadness, and misfortunes. If we could only understand, we should know that these troubles are often of our own making, and that we are responsible for them. O Lord, give me strength to try to leave a little corner of the world rather better than I found it! Let

me never be crushed by grief; raise me, lead me, strengthen me! Thou hast given me the power to rise triumphantly above circumstances; no human barrier, no accident of fortune, need hold me back, if I am brave and faithful.

O Lord, I am Thy messenger, grant that I may carry out worthily the great duties Thou hast imposed upon me!

Psalms cxix. 133: Order my steps in Thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Wednesday's Prayer.

Almighty God,—In Thy infinite mercy Thou hast been pleased to accept me, unworthy as I am, to be Thy messenger. I belong to an ancient race, whom Thou hast kept alive unto this day, while Thou hast allowed other nations to decay and perish. All this Thou hast done for Thy particular purpose. Thou hast willed that we should teach all peoples at all times to trust in Thee, O God, in Thee alone.

On each one of us Thou hast laid the duty to preach Thy glorious name. Not by force, nor by words, hast Thou bidden us make others believe. Thou hast charged us to let our lives declare Thy praise.

By the beauty and purity of our conduct, by the truthfulness and earnestness of our hearts, we have to bear witness that Thou art our God. Oh, my Father, make me always proud that I belong to the House of Israel. Let me never bring shame upon my people. Train my mind and heart to serve thee in truth and faithfulness, that I may do Thy glorious work.

Psalms lxxi. 17, 18: O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared Thy glorious works. Even when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to every one that is to come.

Thursday's Prayer.

My God,—Grant me faith and steadfast trust in Thee! My life often seems so difficult and so sad; if I lose my faith in Thee I feel sure that I shall no longer be able to endure existence. O Lord, I pray Thee, let my faith grow as I grow, and never lose its power.

Let my faith in Thee, O Lord, help me to resist temptation; let it prevent me from allowing my life to slip away in idle frivolity.

O God, my Father, teach me to lift up my eyes unto Thee in hours of difficulty, and to ask Thee for strength; teach me also to praise Thee for the many little joys which gladden my life.

If my faith in Thee is strong I shall obtain that peace of soul which is better than all earthly happiness.

Strengthen my conviction that I shall never die; that when I leave this life, I shall enter upon the other which Thou hast prepared for me. Death will lose its terrors, and I shall accept, without murmur or complaint, all that Thou in Thy great wisdom hast willed for me. Almighty Father, give me faith!

Psalms xlii. 1, 11: As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God! Hope thou in God, for I shall ever praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my God!

Friday's Prayer.

Almighty Father,—Waken my soul to understand and to appreciate the glories of nature everywhere around me. The rich may enjoy many pleasures, but the greatest of all Thou hast granted to all Thy children alike, wherever they are

to be found, and however unhappy their lives may otherwise be.

We are able, if we look out for it, to witness how Thy glorious power reveals itself in the wondrous changes of nature. Seasons succeed one another, and each one has its own particular charm. Do Thou fill my heart with the joys of spring, with the sweet thoughts of summer. Cause me to understand the lessons which autumn teaches, and let me profit by the discipline of winter.

At night, when I look up into the sky, and see the countless stars, let me remember that each one of them may, for all I know, be a world like ours, and surrounded by a number of other worlds, and that Thou art Lord of all. Then I shall realise how small the greatest of us must seem in Thy sight. But do not, O Lord, let these thoughts frighten me, but strengthen my trust, that Thou, who art God of the whole universe, art certainly able to guard, protect, and lead me, and that if I am content to walk in Thy ways I need never be dismayed.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. (Psalms cxlv. 18, 19.)

A Prayer for the Sabbath Eve.

Almighty Father,—I thank Thee with all my heart for having appointed for us this Sabbath Eve. It is a time, when the troubles of the week being ended, I may rejoice and be glad in Thy Holy Name. O Lord, make me always love and honour the Sabbath Eve. Let me feel the influence of its sweet peace, and let me never do anything to profane it. I am in the midst of my family ; with them I pray and sing unto Thee. With them I approach Thy throne and humbly ask for Thy blessing. O Lord, turn me not away empty. Grant that Thy fatherly love may enter into my soul, and that I may feel the full strength and courage which comes from perfect trust in Thee. Lord, Who art the God of truth, clear away mists from my eyes. Let me see life as it really is, and not try to walk in a vain show. It is on the Sabbath Eve, more perhaps than at any other time, that I feel a great longing to commune with Thee. Do not let me waste these blessed moments, and, O God of Light, cause Thy countenance to shine upon me and I shall have peace.

Psalms c. 2 : Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before Him with rejoicing. Prov. iii. 4 : So shalt Thou find favour and good repute in the sight of God and man.

Meditation on the Sabbath.

Thou, O Lord, hast commanded us to honour the Sabbath day, and to keep it holy. How best can I do this? Not by wearing finery, for it is man who looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart (1 Samuel xvi. 7). I do not honour the Sabbath by parading the streets and staring into shop-windows; nor do I keep it holy by making it a day of feasting.

But it is good for me to draw near unto Thee, to make the Lord God my refuge (Psalms lxxiii. 28). On the Sabbath day I must set apart some time for prayer, so that I may obtain strength and courage to go through the toil of the coming week. Even though I am tired out when the Sabbath comes, I will not spend too many hours in bed, so as to deny myself the benefit of having communion with Thee! for the entrance of Thy words giveth light; it gives understanding to the simple (Psalms cxix. 130).

It is not displeasing unto Thee that I should rejoice on the Sabbath day, for it is Thy command that I should serve Thee with gladness. I will seek pure enjoyments, and try to share them with my parents, sisters, and brothers. It is not displeasing unto Thee that I should walk

and take healthy exercise, for the glory of young people is their strength (Proverbs xx. 29). I will strive to approach nearer to Thee, that I may see Thy light, and Thou wilt create in me a clean heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sabbath Prayer.

Almighty Father,—Thou hast given us the Sabbath in order that we may rest after the hard work of the week, and also that we should have more time to engage in holy thought and in sincere thanksgiving. After pouring out my heart to Thee, I am raised above my surroundings, my difficulties seem to disappear, and I am ready to begin again my work with new courage, new hope, and new faith.

O Lord, let me keep Thy Sabbath in a manner pleasing unto Thee! Let me not think of the work I am losing, or of the sacrifices I am making. Thou hast given us the Sabbath for our good. Without it, we might lose our separateness, and our mission would be taken away from us.

O Lord, make my mind more pure, more steadfast, more earnest, that no worldly thoughts may come to disturb my Sabbath rest. Almighty God, help me to do my duty during the coming

week. Preserve me from temptation and sin; attach me to virtue and godliness, and bring me nearer unto Thee!

Psalms cxix. 10, 11: With my whole heart have I sought Thee; O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Prayer for Those who are unavoidably Prevented from Keeping the Sabbath.

Almighty Father,—I humbly entreat Thee for forgiveness, since on this day which Thou hast specially appointed for our day of rest, I do my regular work.

In acting thus, O Lord, I feel that I am directly disobeying Thy divine command. But, Almighty God, Thou knowest that it is my own need and the need of my family which drive me to work.

If I remained away from my employment on the Sabbath day, I should become a burden upon my beloved parents, and lead a life of idleness, displeasing unto Thee. O Lord, in giving up the Sabbath, I am sacrificing some of the purest joys which can crown a Jewish life. I am resolved, my Father to work

as hard as possible to improve my circumstances, so that in time they will allow me to give up work on the Sabbath, and to keep thy glorious Law.

In the meantime, O Lord, I will strive to preserve my faith in Thee, to spend a Godlike life, worthy of Thy servant. Help me, O God, to lead a holy, beautiful life; preserve me from temptation and sin. My strength alone will not be enough to make me cling unto Thee. Be Thou with me now and for evermore.

Micah vi. 8: He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

On Leaving School and Beginning Apprenticeship.

Almighty Father,—I am about to leave school and to begin work. I have had many happy years at my lessons, but I feel glad that I shall now learn a useful trade, and in time be able to help mother and father by my earnings.

Grant that I may be an industrious girl; not grumbling about hard work, but doing everything as well as I can.

I am still a little child, O Lord, in Thy sight. Deal with me in mercy. My

future depends on my doing well now. Make me wise, O Lord, and train my hands, for without Thy help I am sure to go astray.

Do not let my school-days be wasted, but fill me with a desire to go on learning whenever I have the chance.

There is so much I ought to know, which I have not yet learned. Help me to be modest in the company of those who are willing and able to teach me, so that I may never neglect an opportunity of improving myself. In all I do, and in all I try to do, be Thou my help and my strength!

Psalms xxxiv. 11, 13, 14: Come, ye children, hearken unto me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

Deut. xxx. 14: The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart that thou mayest do it.

On Ending Apprenticeship and Beginning Paid Work.

Almighty Father,—I am about to enter upon a trade, which will fill all my time. Grant me strength to do

my work cheerfully and thoroughly, so that my employer may be satisfied with me, and that I may derive self-respect from my efforts to be useful. Help me to be sweet-tempered with my new companions, eager and ready to please.

Almighty Father, in the hurry and bustle of my everyday life, let me always find time to spend a few moments in communion with Thee, for a prayer, however short, will be pleasing unto Thee, if spoken with a humble spirit and a trusting heart. Help me always to remember how hard my parents have worked for my sake, and let me never grudge them the little help which my work may afford them.

O Lord, make me understand that my conduct does not affect myself alone. If I am steadfast, brave, truthful, gentle, and honourable, my reward will be shared by all my brethren of the House of Israel. If I am cowardly, dishonest, untruthful and bold, shame will descend on all my race. O God, do Thou lead me for ever!

Ecclesiastes xii. 14: For God shall bring every work into judgment, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes ix. 10: Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.

A Prayer for Girls entering Domestic Service.

O Lord,—It is my privilege to be about to undertake some of the highest duties possible to a woman, and it is with a heart full of thanksgiving that I approach Thee to-day. I shall be able to minister to the comfort and wellbeing, of a number of people; by good work I may help to render life more easy for others. O Lord, give me strength to do my duty. If I serve my mistress well I feel that I shall be serving Thee. Help me to bear difficulties; grant that I may not be discouraged by a few hard words and slight disappointments. Grant that I may be respectful to those in authority over me; good-tempered and gentle with my fellow-servants. Help me to be truthful, honest, and industrious, and then I shall never be ashamed. Teach me every night and every morning to remember my duty unto Thee. Be Thou with me at all times. Then difficulties will disappear from my path, and I shall rejoice and not be afraid.

Ecclesiastes viii. 10: By slothfulness the roof sinketh in, and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh.

Psalm li. 12: Uphold me with a willing spirit.

In Sickness.

Lord, my God!—Sickness has come upon me. I am in pain. O Lord, give me strength and courage, and let my spirit not falter! Lord, I believe in Thee; in Thee alone do I put my trust. Thou art my God. I shall not be afraid. Let me bear this suffering with courage, and if it please Thee to allow me to recover, let me use my health and strength in Thy service. Whilst I have faith in Thee I know that my spirit is not diseased. It is only my body, the dwelling-place of my soul, which requires healing.

O Lord, if it please Thee to cause my body to die, I know I shall still live, and therefore I am not afraid.

O Lord, spare and protect my parents, sisters, brothers, and friends; let no evil come upon them. Grant faith and courage to other sufferers. Relieve our pain by Thy heavenly light. Deliver all those who are languishing in the bondage of sin. Draw us all near to Thee. O Lord, may Thy will be done!

Psalms xxii. 19: O, my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, Lord, my salvation!

On Recovering from Sickness.

Almighty Father!—By Thy mercy, I am once more able to enjoy the priceless gift of good health; once more I feel health in my limbs and strength in my mind.

Almighty God, I thank Thee for having kept me alive. O Lord, teach me to use my health and strength to do Thy service.

Ecclesiastes xi. 7: Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

Prayer for a Dear Relation or Friend Who is Ill.

My God,—This day my heart is sad, and life seems dreary. I cannot settle to my work. My thoughts give me no rest. I think continually of the dear one who is lying in sickness and pain. Lord, be Thou near to the sufferer! Do Thou heal and save. Let me never lose my faith in Thee. Better is Thy help than the help of any mortal.

Lord, in Thy infinite mercy do I trust!

Isaiah xl. 8, 29: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. He giveth

power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Prayer on Losing Some One Near and Dear.

Almighty God,—Bow down Thine ear unto me and hear me, for I cry unto Thee in my grief. Do not forsake me, O Lord, for without Thy love I cannot live. O Lord, God of love, who hast created me in Thy image, and made it possible for me too to love, Thou wilt not cut me off for ever from those dear ones who have gone before me! Thou wilt cause me to be with them again, at the time when it shall please Thee. Give me patience! Strengthen my trust, for I am sorely tried. Teach me, O Lord, the lesson of death, that I may try to make the most of my life, and, as far as possible work for my salvation.

I feel so lonely, O Lord! I long for the strong human love which is veiled from me now. Oh, in my anguish, give me courage. Make me rely upon myself and be strong. Thou art the Father of the living and the dead! I cannot understand Thy hidden ways. May Thy will be done!

Job i. 21: The Lord gave, and the

Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!

Psalm xxxix. 4: Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am.

Prayer when in Trouble.

O Lord,—Life appears so difficult today. I cannot see clearly. The future is dark and sad. There seems little use in living. I have no pleasure. All around me is sad, and there is no sign of better times approaching. Lord save me! Let me look unto Thee for light.

Thou hast given me strength, intelligence, and a desire to work. Give me hope as well, and courage to try to use Thy divine gifts, so that I may not be entirely crushed.

Lord, I call upon Thee in truth and reverence. Help me, answer me, for without Thee I stagger and fall. Let me not despair. It is so difficult to pray when my soul is bowed down by grief. I long to reach Thee; I cannot; come Thou to me. O God! I cannot understand why all this evil should have come upon me. Let me have complete trust in Thy goodness, and I shall have peace!

Psalm xlvi. 1, 2: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear!

Psalm xxxvii. 1–3: Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be Thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Trust in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Birthday Prayer.

Almighty Father,—I have this day finished another year of my life, during which I have seen many signs of Thy mercy and of Thy tender love. Often in the past year I have given way to temptation. I have wavered in my trust in Thee. In my boldness I have groped my way in the dark, forgetting that Thy arm is stretched out to help those who will be led by Thee. I have neglected opportunities to improve myself. These opportunities I know that I can never recall. Many a time I have spoken cross words to the children, rude words to my parents; I have been impatient with my companions, and discontented with my life.

O God in Heaven, I humbly ask Thy forgiveness for all this. In the year which is just beginning for me, help me to try to advance in truthfulness and godliness.

Bring me nearer unto Thee, O Thou who art my Redeemer, teach me to try to lead a holy, beautiful life. Let me never forget the grand mission of Thy people Israel, and make me try to be worthy to be Thy messenger. Tighten the bonds of love and sympathy between me and my parents, sisters, brothers, and friends, and unite us all in love and in devotion to Thy service.

Psalm xc. 12: So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom.

May Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee.

On Becoming Engaged.

Almighty God,—I have this day promised my hand in marriage, and I now ask Thee to bless my act. The parents whom Thou hast appointed to guide my life, and who have bestowed on me, every day, blessings and kindnesses without number, have given their sanction to our union.

My God, it is not hastily that I have decided to take this step. I have had ample opportunity to judge the character and temperament of him to whom I am betrothed. I am confident that with Thy

lessing we shall be able to lead a life ee from degrading dependence. I have ;amined my heart and am sure that I ve with all my soul, and thoroughly trust m to whom I am about to plight my oth.

I know that married life is full of cares nd responsibilities unknown to girlhood. have resolved to try always to do my uty in my new home, to be true wife, ompanion, and friend. O God in heaven, rengthen my resolutions and let me not e afraid. Increase my faith in Thee. lake me conscious of Thy never-failing ve, so that I may never be filled with ame and despair, that in all my trials nd difficulties I may raise my eyes to hee, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Proverbs xii. 4 : A virtuous woman is a own to her husband.

For the Persecuted.

O Lord, I belong to a race whom Thou ast kept alive unto this day by Thy eculiar favour. Thou wilt be pleased, Lord, to preserve the children of Israel live for ever if they remain faithful to e glorious Law, of which they are the uardians.

Oh, do Thou look with compassion upon

those who are being persecuted for their belief in Thee. Terrible it is to suffer at the hands of men who are blinded with ignorance and arrogance. O listen to the cry of the unhappy; save them, have mercy upon them!

O Lord, to whatever faith they belong, deliver the persecuted! Save them from the faults that come from degradation; let them not become cunning, cowardly, and narrow-minded.

Show the persecutors their sin. Teach them that all men who act righteously are equally pleasing unto Thee, whatever their religion may be.

O Lord, accept my prayer and hasten the time when all people shall dwell together in love and friendliness.

Malachi ii. 10: Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?

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